If elections are held in March, and the new Government is sworn in, let us assume, on 15th April, this Vote-on-account will come to an end immediately when the new Government will take over. This Vote-on-account does not, in any way, come in the way of elections or forming a Government or a new Chief Minister taking over, or a new Finance Minister taking over. But as long as elections are not held, that is a complaint that must be lodged at the door of the Election Commission which is about a stone's throw away from this building, I have a constitutional responsibility to ensure that enough money is provided and the projects are started and completed. I intend to visit Bengaluru; I intend to hold a meeting with the Governor and his Advisers and I intend to ask them to start expenditure immediately after this Vote-on-account is taken. First of April onwards, you will find, until the new Govenment come into office, expenditure will pick up and I will guide them to see that money is spent on all the projects.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please move the Karnataka Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 2008 and the Karnataka Apropriation Bill, 2008.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

The Karnataka appropriation (Vote on account) Bill, 2008
and
The Karnataka appropriation Bill, 2008

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Sir, I Move:

That the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out the Consolidated *Fund of the State of Karnataka for the services of a part of the financial year 2008-09*, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration.

Sir, I also move:

That the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Karnataka for the services of the financial year 2007-08, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I shall first put the motion regarding consideration of the Karnataka Appropriation (Vote on Acount) Bill, 2008 to vote. The question is:

That the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Karnataka for the services of a part of the financial year 2008-09, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration.

The motion was adopted.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2, 3 and the Schedule were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I move:

That the Bill be returned.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I shall now put the motion regarding consideration of the Karnataka Appropriation Bill, 2008 to vote. The question is:

That the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Karnataka for the services of the financial year 2007-08, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration.

The motion was adopted.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2, 3 and the Schedule were added to the Bill

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Sir, I move:

That the Bill be returned.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11.00 a.m.

The House then adjourned at fifty-one minutes past four of the clock till eleven of the clock on Tuesday, the 18th March, 2008.

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